

Whenever the Director, in his discretion, considers that a hearing is necessary to provide informed Administrative action and assure adequate protection of private or public interests, he may hold an informal public hearing. However, any rule or order issued in a case in which such a hearing is held is not based exclusively on the record of the hearing.

(b) The Director designates a presiding officer for each hearing and the Chief Counsel designates a legal adviser.

(c) Normally, hearings held under this section are held in the vicinity of the affected airspace. Interested persons are allotted time to make an oral presentation without interruption and a verbatim transcript is made of the proceedings by a certified court reporter.

(d) The procedure in hearings held under this section is as follows:

(1) The presiding officer makes an opening statement with particular reference to the notice of proposed rulemaking.

(2) The presiding officer designates interested persons or their authorized representatives to speak at the hearing.

(3) The presiding officer allots enough time to each interested person on an equal basis so that his position may be expressed fully and placed on the record, with those who favor it speaking first followed by those who oppose it, initial statements being made as far as possible without interruption, and questions permitted after initial statements have been made by all designated persons.

(4) Arguments and oral statements are limited to the subject named in the notice of proposed rulemaking.

(5) Written information, views, arguments, or briefs may be offered for the record, but may not be accepted after the hearing unless good cause is shown or the submission is requested by the presiding officer or the Director.

(e) The presiding officer of a hearing may deviate from the procedures prescribed in this section to assure a more complete and informative record.

§ 11.69 Adoption of rules or orders.

(a) After the closing date for submitting written comments on a notice or, if a hearing is held; after the hearing, the Office having substantive responsibility for the subject involved studies the entire matter of a proposed rule or order. The Chief Counsel determines whether legal justification exists for the proposed action, and thereafter prepares an appropriate rule, order, or notice of denial. The rule, order, or notice of denial is then submitted to the Director for his action.

(b) Each rule or order issued by the Director is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and in such other publications as the Director considers desirable. Each notice of denial is sent to the person who made the proposal and to such other interested persons as the Director considers desirable.

(c) Each rule or order issued under this subpart becomes effective not less than 30 days after it is published, except in an emergency, or when it is impractical, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.

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§ 11.71 Exemptions.

(a) A petition for an exemption from any rule or order issued under section 307(a) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1348(a)) may be filed with the Director. Such a petition must be in triplicate and state clearly the nature of the requested exemption and the reasons why it should be granted.

(b) The Director may, subject to the approval of the Chief Counsel with respect to form and legality, grant or deny any petition filed under this section and shall notify the petitioner of his action.

§ 11.73 Petitions for rehearing or reconsideration of rules or orders.

(a) Any interested person may petition the Administrator for a rehearing on, or for reconsideration of, any rule or order issued under section 307(a) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1348(a)). Such a petition must be filed, in triplicate, within 30 days after